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Safety Light Corporation Superfund Site

Columbia County, Pennsylvania



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Cleanup Progress and Community Update

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is using both its Removal and Remedial Programs in the cleanup effort at the Safety Light Corporation (SLC) Superfund Site, located in South Centre Township, Pennsylvania. EPA's Removal Program is focused on removing immediate potential Site-related risks, and the Remedial Program focuses on long-term cleanup remedies. This fact sheet provides an update on both programs' progress at the Site.

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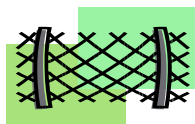
At the SLC Site, EPA has issued a Unilateral Administrative Order to three potentially responsible parties (PRPs): Safety Light Corporation, Isolite Corporation and Metreal Corporation.

Safety Light has active onsite manufacturing operations and has been cooperating with EPA during the ongoing Site cleanup. However, it is estimated that it will cease operations at the Site by the end of December 2007.

EPA finds that if all daily operations at the Site were to stop, the Site could pose an increased potential threat to the community because of the increased opportunity for trespass, fire and/or exposure to onsite contaminants.

Regardless of the closing of the manufacturing facility, the Unilateral Administrative Order, or "Order," requires the companies to take necessary actions to:

- ◆ Provide physical security to the Site (chain link fence and security alarm system maintenance);



- ◆ Maintain onsite fire protection systems (sprinkler systems, smoke detectors and alarm system maintenance);



- ◆ Maintain onsite utility services (water, electric and natural gas services are necessary to maintain proper security and sprinkler system performance); and



- ◆ Perform limited onsite maintenance (periodic grass and vegetation control and building repairs, if required, to discourage trespassing).



How Will This Affect the Ongoing Cleanup?

Despite the closing of operations, ongoing cleanup activities will proceed as planned. After a scheduling delay due to contracting issues, EPA has decided to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to proceed with the demolition of several dilapidated onsite buildings and structures. EPA and USACE are currently developing a work plan for the demolition and debris removal. The work plan is estimated to be completed by spring 2008.

Prior to demolition work, EPA will hold a community meeting to present work plan specifics, such as demolition methodology, dust suppression and air monitoring details.

The meeting date, time and location will be announced in advance in the *Press Enterprise* newspaper.

Remedial and Removal Program Cleanup Efforts

The building demolition and debris removal work is being conducted under EPA's Remedial Program. Seven buildings will be torn down, and the equipment and debris removed from the Site. The soil located under the old buildings' "footprints" will be sampled for site-related contamination and the data collected will be part of the overall Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Site.

The removal of stored radioactive wastes and accessible, contaminated equipment is being conducted under EPA's Removal Program. To date, approximately 177 85-gallon drum over packs have been removed for proper, off-site storage and/or disposal. There are about 49 remaining drums to be removed. Removal activities are estimated to be completed by early spring 2008, or sooner.

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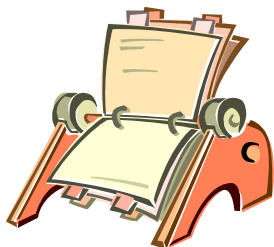
Site-related documents are available for review at the locations below.

- Online at:
 - www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/super/sites/PAD987295276/index.htm
 - www.epa.gov/arweb
- Or, to review a paper copy:
The Bloomsburg Area Public Library
225 Market Street
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Site Background

- ▶ In April 2005, the SLC Site was included on the National Priorities List (NPL), making it eligible for federal cleanup funds under the Superfund program.
- ▶ The SLC Site is located in South Centre Township, Pennsylvania, situated between the Susquehanna River and Old Berwick Road.
- ▶ Past activities at the Site included the manufacturing of:
 - Self-illuminated watches and instrument dials,
 - Smoke detectors,
 - Neutron sources,
 - Exit signs, and
 - Other products containing radioactive materials (such as radium-226, strontium-90, cesium-137, and tritium).

